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In re Appln. of: Kiyoshi Kobayashi

Appln. No.: 10/025,317

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: Method for Making Perpendicular Magnetic Recording Head Having Inverted Trapezoidal Main Magnetic Pole Layer

Attorney Docket No: 9281/4253

Examiner: Paul D. Kim
Art Unit: 3729

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PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

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Dear Sir:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/025,317 issued as U.S. Patent
6,836,957 on January 4, 2005, with a patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. §
154(b) of 294 days. U.S. Patent No. 6,836,957 is not subject to a terminal

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disclaimer. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)

Applicants agree with the PTO calculation of the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) of 393 days.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

The present application was filed on December 18, 2001. The 3 year date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is December 18, 2004. The patent issued on January 4, 2005. The difference between the 3 year date and the issue date is 17 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day ("the 3 month date") after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

A non-final rejection was mailed on March 17, 2004. A response to the non-final rejection was received by the PTO on June 18, 2004. The PTO calculated this delay as 1 day.

A Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 28, 2004. Applicants' Agent received a copy of a search report issued for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application on September 17, 2004 and filed a supplemental IDS containing the

search report and references included therein on September 29, 2004, within one month of receiving the materials. The USPTO considered the filing of the supplemental IDS as a supplemental reply or other paper and charged Applicants with a 98 day delay under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)(8).

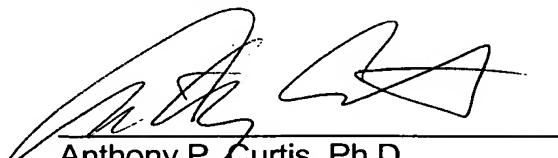
However, Applicants contend that 1) the supplemental IDS was timely filed and thus no reduction is appropriate or alternatively if a delay is to be charged, it is more properly charged under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)(10) as in the intervening time between the filing of the response to the non-final rejection and the filing of the supplemental IDS, the Notice of Allowance was mailed. In the latter case, 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)(10) states that, "the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the lesser of: (i) The number of days, if any, beginning on the date the amendment under §1.312 or other paper was filed and ending on the mailing date of the Office action or notice in response to the amendment under §1.312 or such other paper; or (ii) Four months." In the instant case, since no response was necessary (or mailed), the lesser of these two time periods is 0 days. Thus, again, no delay should have been charged to the Applicants.

Total patent term adjustment

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by the reduction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus 393 days + 17 days - 1 day = 409 days, not 294 days as calculated by the PTO.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for this application. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned for Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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